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# MILLIKEN IRIS GARDENS

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

1938



A BED OF IRIS "EASTER MORN" IN FULL BLOOM. SEE PAGE 9.

# WE GUARANTEE YOU SATISFACTION

Read what others say about the irises they have purchased from us. We will make it our business to please you too, for our success depends upon it.

"You will be interested to hear that your shipment reached us in splendid condition and we are delighted with the quality of the plants you have sent us. We shall certainly send you our orders next season." (England)

"Now, before I go any farther, I want to tell you what I think of the roots you sent me. I had intended to write at once, but found myself quite swamped with work, so I put it off just a while. I received irises from all sections of the country this year, dividing rather generous orders among the specialists, and must say that yours were by far the finest of all. They were worth fully twice as much as the average that I received, and best of all, I believe they have all established themselves in spite of our desert like climate in July and August." (St. Louis, Missouri)

"Do let me tell you what fine plants you sent me. My gardener says he has never seen finer ones." (California)

"The iris roots arrived on the 28th. Thank you for sending them so quickly, also for the extra roots. They are splendid roots, so large; be sure to send your catalogue early next year." (Ontario, Canada)

"The iris arrived in fine condition and I thank you for your prompt delivery. Fine stock." (Long Island, New York)

"It was so pleasant to come home from work and to find my iris had come. The plants are so big and healthy that it's going to seem ages from planting to blooming time. I eagerly await Spring." (New Mexico)

"The iris plants arrived yesterday in very good order. They are splendid plants and I am delighted with them."

(Londonderry, North Ireland)

"Thanks very much for the fine roots sent us of Shining Waters. This proved to be one of the most popular irises we had in our garden this year." (Illinois)

"My 'Gold Medal' collection arrived in beautiful condition and are splendid roots." (Little Compton, Rhode Island)

"I am taking my hat off to you. The iris you just shipped me are the finest I ever saw. It's Milliken for me from now on. Many thanks for the nice iris you put out." (San Antonio, Texas)



THE ideal climate in which our gardens are located produces a quality of stock which is not surpassed. We are often asked if our irises are hardy in colder climates. We ship them all over the United States with perfect satisfaction and receive repeat orders year after year. As our season of blooming is advanced six weeks or so ahead of that in the Eastern States, it allows us to ripen the rhizomes in our rainless summer and send them without danger from rot in time to become well established for the following spring. This is an advantage too important to overlook.

You get more for your money when you buy Milliken's vigorous, healthy, California-grown plants

**SHIPPING TIME:** Bearded irises can be shipped any time after June 1st to suit your convenience.

**POSTAGE:** We prepay postage anywhere on orders amounting to \$2.00 and over. On orders of less than \$2.00 add 25 cents to cover postage.

**TERMS:** Cash with order. Remit by personal check, express or postal money order.

**GUARANTEE:** We ship only healthy, live, growing stock which we guarantee to arrive in good condition and to grow in your garden. We exercise due care to keep all varieties true to name, and hold ourselves in readiness to replace any stock that is not entirely satisfactory.

PLANTING DIRECTIONS will accompany each shipment.

# NEW INTRODUCTIONS

#### SUNGOLD (Milliken)

There are now several fine large yellow irises on the market and to this group we take pride in adding Sungold, an iris of such quality and boldness that in our display garden last season it was selected by many visitors as the finest in our entire collection. The flowers are a medium shade of bright yellow and are simply enormous in size with wide flaring falls of heavy firm substance. The stems are strong and tall and the plant is extremely vigorous, increasing rapidly so that a single plant soon makes a large clump that blooms freely over an unusually long period of time.

\$10.00

#### BLUE SPIRE (Milliken)

There is no other color that is so completely essential to the garden picture as blue, and here is a blue iris that seems to possess all the qualities of perfection. Blue Spire, as the name would indicate, is tall and stately. It has large, beautifully-shaped flowers of the clearest, cleanest shade of medium blue carried on strong, graceful, 4-foot stems. The texture of the flowers is such that in the sunlight they sparkle as if sprinkled with a myriad of tiny glass beads. A strong grower with luxuriant foliage, Blue Spire is a joy to behold. \$5.00

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#### INCOGNITO (C. G. White)

Masquerading under a mystic cloak of the deepest velvety red-purple, this prince of the garden may hide its identity, but its presence is loudly proclaimed by a majestic grandeur and a towering stature. A giant among the deep red-purples, Incognito will command your attention and respect, for it is a strong grower with a hardy constitution and possesses a robust charm in keeping with its character.

\$5.00

#### KILDEA (Williams)

Kildea is one of the beardless varieties often referred to as swamp irises, and comes to us as the first of this type to have large flowers of clear yellow. It is a seedling of Citracristata Alba and has flowers of clear primrose yellow measuring five inches across carried on  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -foot well-branched stems. Kildea is a strong grower and is an outstanding addition to this fascinating class of irises. For other varieties of this type, see page 18. \$2.50



SIERRA BLUE

CHINA LANTERN

LADY PARAMOUNT

# IRISES FOR YOUR GARDEN

## A Selected List of the Finest Varieties

#### AIRY DREAM (Sturtevant)

A delightful clear pink flower that is very popular in our garden, and is without question one of the very best of the pink-toned irises. The blooms are large and well shaped, and are borne on 3-foot stems. Try planting Airy Dream near a clear blue variety, such as Shining Waters, Pale Moonlight, or Pacific. 50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### ALICE HARDING (Cayeux)

This is a yellow of Princess Beatrice form. It is one of the soft yellows which are so helpful in harmonizing the colors in our gardens. A French introduction and new in this country, Alice Harding is outstanding.

\$3.50

#### ALTA CALIFORNIA (Mitchell)

Here is a yellow iris of real merit. The standards are a clear medium tone of yellow and the falls a shade deeper, faintly bronzed at the base. The blossoms are exceptionally large, and are carried on splendid stems four feet high. We have seen this iris performing equally well in California, Illinois and Massachusetts.

50c; 3 for \$1.25

#### ALTA ROSA (C. G. White)

A seedling of the beautiful blend, Brown Betty, which accounts for the warm bronze which blends with the rich rose-lavender of this flower. In form and bearing it is an aristocrat. The standards of the beautifully formed flowers are shaped like palm-leaf fans with their tips touching. The large flowers are borne on nicely branched stems 48 inches tall.

\$3.50

#### ALWAYS (C. G. White)

This iris gives an impression of a sturdiness that might endure always. The huge flowers are as if carved from old ivory, so thick and firm is their substance, yet delicately decorated with veins and fine spatterings of bronzed red-purple. The heavy orange beard accents and adds to the yellow glow which suffuses the center of the flower. The widely branched stems are tall and strong. There is nothing temperamental or flimsy about this giant plicata. \$7.50

#### AMIGO (Williamson)

Here is one of the most outstanding and beautiful of the newer irises which we saw last year. We hasten to add it to our collection knowing that it will fascinate others as it does us, and that it will increase in popularity as it becomes more widely distributed. The standards are very pale lavender and the falls a deep rich violet with a velvety texture. A margin of pale violet borders the falls and gives the flower the character and beauty of a lovely evening gown. A strong grower with large flowers on three foot well branched stems.

\$5.00

#### ANNE-MARIE CAYEUX (Cayeux)

A beautiful blend of soft rose and lavender, having an almost iridescent look. The beard is orange and the flowers are large and of excellent substance. A French introduction and one of the finest.

50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### ARGYNNIS (Williamson)

Standards bright yellow; falls rich reddish brown. Medium size flowers on 2 foot stems. Good for cutting. 25c; 3 for 50c

#### AUTUMN DAWN (Nies)

This charming variety is ideally suited for landscape effects. It is a clear, bright blend of old gold and pink, and is especially charming when planted in a group with a clear blue, such as Shining Waters or Pacific. A distinctive and valuable feature of Autumn Dawn is its free blooming habit. In Southern California it is practically an ever-bloomer, and produces flowers which are excellent for cutting many months of the year. Reports from all parts of the country assure us of its excellent performance and complete hardiness. 28 inches.

#### BEAU SABREUR (Williamson)

A remarkably refined and finished flower of great beauty. The standards are a soft yellow faintly flushed with red-purple and contrast in a striking manner with the falls which are a very rich velvety ox-blood red. You will admire this iris.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### **BEOWULF** (Schreiner)

Hailed as the first iris of a true maroon red color, this new variety is said to produce in the garden an entirely new effect. The flowers are not only rich and deep like many of the red-purple irises, but at the same time possess a warm and softly glowing quality. The falls are solid smooth maroon, blending to a generous margining of soft rich brown and the standards are of this same deep brown tone. A golden beard gives a glowing center to the flower. Large, early blooming, well branched, and growing to a height of about three feet.

\$6.00

#### ALTA CALIFORNIA





SWEET ALIBI

#### **BLACK WINGS** (Kirkland)

Having received much favorable comment throughout the country, this iris enjoys widespread popularity. As the name suggests, it is a very deep blackish violet with wide flaring falls. Flowers are large and are carried on 30-inch stems.

60c; 3 for \$1.50

#### BLUE & GOLD (Essig)

We saw a fine clump of this iris growing in a New England garden where it has become a decided favorite. The unusually large and well proportioned flowers are a beautiful shade of blue and are set off by a bright golden beard that makes a sharp contrast which is apparent from some distance; hence the name.

35c; 3 for 75c

#### BLUE GOWN (Essig)

An extremely vigorous iris that increases very rapidly, and soon produces a large clump in the garden. The deep blue flowers are very large and are carried on stiff, slender stems from four to five feet high. A brilliant golden beard is charmingly displayed on wide flaring falls. Blue Gown is an excellent iris for massing in the background of your garden.

60c; 3 for \$1.50

#### BLUE PETER (C. G. White)

It seems to be difficult to produce a top-notch dark blue-purple iris. New ones are hailed with rapturous delight but soon are allowed to drift into oblivion—a "passing parade." The faults of most of this color have been short, poorly branched stems with flowers crowded at the top of the stem, and dull, funereal color. Blue Peter does not have those faults for the tall stalks have three well-spaced branches on which to carry the jaunty flowers, and although the color, which completely covers the flower, is dark and has a blackish sheen, there is a brilliance about it.

\$5.00

#### **BLUE TRIUMPH** (Grinter)

A large flowered pale blue that has received a great deal of praise in the East and Middle West. The flowers are of the widely flaring type and are of heavy substance with a smooth velvety finish. Blue Triumph grows to a height of about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet, and produces many flowers which bloom over a long period of time. \$4.00

#### BROWN BETTY (C. G. White)

Whether it be a pudding or an iris it seems to be popular. One has cinnamon flavor, the other cinnamon color—cinnamon brown and more browns, copper tones and hushed lavenders. One shade predominates here and another there, and yet all is smoothly blended so that there are no harsh contrasts, no sharp demarcations of color. The standards are perfect in form from first to last, the falls at first are softly drooping, then widely flaring, like giant butterflies pausing on the tall, widely branched slender stems. It is a delightful iris. See illustration, page 13. \$2.50; 3 for \$5.00

#### **BRUNHILDE** (Salbach)

An intense uniform violet-blue self possessing an unusual blue beard. Particularly welcome because in addition to its deep blue violet coloring it is an iris with an unusually smooth finish and shows up to good advantage under artificial light. 3 feet. \$3.50

#### **BUNTING** (Williamson)

This is one of the new "Table Irises" from the Williamson garden. It is characterized by small dainty flowers on slender graceful stems, and thus lends itself admirably to table decoration. Two other varieties, Kinglet and Pewee, belong to this same class and will be found listed on pages 12 and 14. Bunting is a delightful pale violet self on 24-inch stems. It is fragrant.

75c

#### **BURNING BRONZE** (Ayres)

When we saw this iris in the originator's garden, we were at once intrigued by the richness and charm of the flowers. It is a true bronze with a depth of color that defies description. Close inspection reveals an undertone of rich brown which accounts for the unusual warmtn and vitality this flower possesses.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. \$3.50

#### CALIFORNIA BLUE (Essig)

A most vigorous iris, fine foliage, long blooming season, large flowers, great height, well branched and early. Rich bluish violet with a glowing beard. It is the most delightfully fragrant iris which we know.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet. 35c; 3 for 75c

#### CALIFORNIA GOLD (Mitchell)

If you are looking for a tall, large-flowered iris of the deepest golden yellow color, you will be pleased with this dazzling variety. It has received praise from all sections of the country and is in great demand everywhere. Said one iris enthusiast, gazing upon one of its full blown golden blooms for a full minute, "It isn't so—there is no such iris." 3 feet.

\$4.00

#### **CAMELIARD** (Sturtevant)

An unusual and beautiful blend of yellow and wine color. The flowers are large and are borne on tall, well-branched stems. It is a dependable performer and has been an outstanding favorite with visitors to our gardens. 4 feet.

25c; 3 for 50c

#### **CARNELIAN** (Lothrop)

This huge red flower on a four-foot splendidly branched stem makes a striking display in the garden. It is perfectly hardy, a vigorous grower, and a prolific bloomer. Greatly admired. 75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### CHEERIO (Ayres)

Those who are looking for red in an iris will just about find it here and yet it is not a color that will offend the most conservative iris grower. It is the brightest of all irises in the red tones. The form of the flower is good and the falls are exceptionally beautiful with their bright, velvety sheen. A brilliant yellow beard completes the picture and makes Cheerio "a flame in the garden." \$3.50

#### CHINA BOY (Milliken)

Those who see this magnificent iris with its huge flowers of rich red bronze, toned with shades of brown and carried on tall stately stems, immediately determine to have it in their own garden. China Boy is one of those rare flowers that has a universal appeal. A clump of it growing in your garden will provide that deep bronze color note so necessary as an accent to the yellows, whites, light blues and pinks. It is stunning growing near a deep blue-purple such as Royal Salute.

\$5.00

# A Bigger and Better

# GOLD MEDAL SPECIAL

Bring your garden up to date and give it added interest for yourself and your friends by planting some of these wonderful new irises. Plant this collection in your garden and know that you are growing some of the best irises that money can buy.

Sierra Blue won the Gold Medal as the finest iris in the country in 1935. Mary Geddes won this same award in 1936. Tenaya won the Gold Medal as the finest stalk in the Radio City Show in New York last spring. Each of the others is a prize winner.

Any 5 for \$400 All 10 for \$750

CHINA LANTERN

EASTER MORN

IMPERIAL BLUSH

MARY GEDDES

PALE MOONLIGHT

REDGLOW

ROYAL SALUTE

SHINING WATERS

SIERRA BLUE

TENAYA

Our plants will amaze you with their size and strength. . . . Let us show you what we mean by Milliken's vigorous, healthy, California-grown stock.





**FIESTA** 

#### CHINA LANTERN (Essig)

This iris adds a new color note to the garden and is different from anything we have yet seen. The flowers are large with standards of old gold, strongly displayed in contrast to falls of red-violet. Of Cardinal parentage and perfectly hardy.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

#### CHINA MAID (Milliken)

It is always difficult to paint a satisfactory word picture of a beautiful iris, but when it comes to describing China Maid, the task becomes nearly impossible. Words simply fail to convey an adequate impression of the beauty this flower possesses with its intriguing blend of pink, golden bronze and soft lilac—and color is only one of the beauties of this splendid iris. The large, well-proportioned flowers of sturdy substance and smooth even texture are carried on tall graceful stems and make a picture in the garden that brings forth unbounded praise. Try China Maid with some of the light blues, such as Shining Waters or Pale Moonlight. You will be thrilled with the beauty of this combination. \$10.00

#### CHINA ROSE (Salbach)

Described as a "little Frieda Mohr" but gives a very different effect in the garden. The color is an orchid-rose with soft delicate pinkish standards that blend beautifully with the deeper falls. Flowers early and continues well through the season.

75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### CHOSEN (C. G. White)

This iris, so beautifully and accurately illustrated on the cover of the catalog, was introduced last season and has at once become a sensation. When introduced, we were confident that our stock was entirely adequate, but so phenomenal was the demand that toward the end of the season we were forced to return many orders unfilled. Moreover, before the blooming season this year, we already had

orders for several plants booked for summer delivery. Never before in our experience have we known any iris to equal the instant popularity that Chosen has commanded.

From the time it first bloomed in the originator's garden, this marvelous yellow iris has received unprecedented praise. By all who saw it in a large group of outstanding seedlings, this iris was

Chosen'' as the finest thing in the garden. The following is a detailed description. Chosen is a yellow, taller and larger than Lady Paramount and deeper in color-tone. The rigid stem is well branched, the substance of the perfectly formed flowers is thick and firm, the texture is fine and the color is clear. It is not related to W. R. Dykes, so the birthmarks of that variety will never appear on the flawless falls of Chosen. It is extremely vigorous in growth, is not subject to rot, multiplies with great rapidity, and blooms prodigally. The three-branched stems are usually 50 inches tall, the flowers 534 inches wide by 51/4 inches high.

See color illustration on front cover.

#### \$25.00

#### CLARA NOYES (Sass, H. P.)

A lovely blend of peach and apricot tones producing a most delightful effect. The standards are a soft yellow flushed with red; the falls an orange yellow heavily veined with rich red. 3 feet.

35c; 3 for 75c

#### CLARIBEL (J. Sass)

A handsome large plicata with pure white flowers marked deep blue. The stalks are tall and well branched and the variety is perfectly hardy. It will possibly take the place of Los Angeles in the colder

#### **COPPER LUSTRE** (Kirkland)

The most unusual blending of copper, gold, pinkish-tan and lavender. This iris was heralded as a new "break" in breeding and created a sensation when introduced four years ago. Due to the unprecedented publicity Copper Lustre has received, stock is still rather scarce. 3 feet.

#### CORALIE (Ayres)

A beautiful blend of pink and red that approaches a soft raspberry effect. The bright golden beard adds a pleasing note of color to this charming iris. Flowers of good size on stems of medium height. Winner of the Dykes Gold Medal for 1933. \$3.00

#### CRYSTAL BEAUTY (J. Sass)

A hardy white of excellent merit that we can recommend for the more rugged climates. A graceful cool white with flowers of good size on  $3\frac{1}{2}$  foot stems. \$2.00

#### DARK KNIGHT (Salbach)

A bold iris with flowers of deep wine red, blended with brown mahogany on the falls. The large blooms on tall stems make a pleasing deep color note in the garden. A late bloomer. \$2.50

#### DAUNTLESS (Connell)

Of proven qualities and considered one of the finest reds ever introduced. Flowers of fine form and good substance. Dauntless was awarded the Dykes medal for the finest iris produced in 1929. 35c; 3 for 75c

#### DAY DREAM (Sturtevant)

A beautiful blend of pink and yellow tones with falls darker than the standards. Large blooms on a tall, well branched stalk. A popular variety.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. 35c; 3 for 75c

#### DEPUTE NOMBLOT (Cayeux)

Rated among the finest irises in commerce, this former Dykes Medal winner has received praise from many lands. It is of French origin, and was shown for the first time in this country in 1930. The standards are a light rosy purple overlaid with bronzy gold, and the falls are a velvety garnet red shaded with purple. A strong grower.

3 feet.

40c; 3 for \$1.00

#### DOG ROSE (Insole)

Without doubt this is one of the most desirable of the pink toned irises. The color is exceptionally clean and strong and the flower is glorified by a deep gold beard. Dog Rose has come to us from England, where it won a silver medal. We believe we are fortunate in having a fine stock of this variety but do not anticipate that it will last us through the entire season. 4 feet. 75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### DOROTHY DIETZ (Williamson)

For a landscape iris, this variety is ideal. The standards are white faintly flushed with blue, while the falls are a bright violet paling at the edges. You will be pleased with the effectiveness of this 35c; 3 for 75c iris in your garden. 3 feet.

#### **DRUID** (Sturtevant)

Although not widely known, this iris is quite a favorite in our garden. The large flowers are a mixture of maroon, old gold and brown, with a golden haft and beard; the combination giving a decided bronze effect. Viewed with the sunlight coming through the falls, Druid has a decided charm.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. **25c**; **3** for **50c** 

#### EARLY MASS (C. G. White)

A tall light blue iris that has lost nothing of grace and charm by attaining height and size. It stands fifty inches tall with flowers in proportion on perfectly spaced branches. A leading iris authority in her 1935 notes wrote as follows: "I cannot imagine any color lovelier than this, it is so smooth and pure. The standards are slightly bluer in tone than the falls. The soft, broad, tapering beard is tipped with warm yellow." In 1936 her notes say: "Must note again the grace and dainty poise of this beautiful flower—also its exceptional blue tone—one stem is 54 inches tall." blue tone—one stem is 54 inches tall."

#### **EASTER MORN** (Essig)

This iris has everything the name suggests. The flowers are a pure virgin white with a sparkle and sheen that reminds one of a lovely satin wedding dress. The glowing yellow center gives a warmth of beauty that is beyond description. The falls are stiff, wide flaring, and of unusual substance. Foliage is exceptionally large and vigorous, and in California is green and attractive the year around. A clump of Easter Morn in full bloom is truly a sight to behold. Height 4 feet. See illustrations on pages 2 and 9.

75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### ECLADOR (Cayeux)

A highly recommended light yellow that has come to us from France. The flowers are of the semi-flaring type and are of medium size on  $3\frac{1}{2}$  foot stems. Eclador won the Dykes Medal in France in

#### EL CAPITAN (Mohr)

One of the largest flowered irises we grow and a variety that stands out. Violet in color—highly recommended for California. 35c; 3 for 75c 4 feet.

#### EROS (Mead)

One of the newer pinkish irises, having a 36-inch stem, with three short branches. As the flower opens it is deep ashes of roses, which fades to a pale shade of the same color. A clump is lovely in the \$2.50; 3 for \$5.00 garden.

#### ETHEL PECKHAM (Williamson)

A coppery, red-toned iris which has received a great deal of favorable comment. It has been called one of the reddest of red irises. It is rich and dark with yellow in the haft, veined brownishpurple. The standards are the same color as the falls except that the falls have a velvety texture.

#### **EUPHONY** (Sass, H. P.)

A striking flower. The standards are a mustard yellow shading to light brown at the tips. The falls are a mustard yellow flushed with blue in the central portions and overlaid with brown. A free bloomer. 21/2 feet. 35c; 3 for 75c

#### **EVOLUTION** (Cayeux)

Another outstanding achievement of the noted French breeder. The coppery bronze standards are wide and frilled, the flaring falls are a slightly deeper shade marked in the center with a brilliant rose-blue blaze. An indescribably lovely combination of colors. 35c; 3 for 75c 3 feet.

#### FAIR ENOUGH (C. G. White)

Is Fair Enough indeed! It could hardly be excelled as a mediumtoned blue iris. The broad, crisp, sparkling petals rest on perfectly branched stems 48 inches tall. It has a long blooming season, being

one of the earliest of the large flowered varieties to bloom and it continues to bloom past all believing. It is one of the bluest toned irises, rating with Shining Waters and Early Mass. \$3.50

#### FIESTA (C. G. White)

Needs no description for those who have seen it. It is not an iris that one forgets. The standards are like sparkling copper and the falls are copper with tints of rose-purple. The hafts are bright yellow and the beard is brilliant orange. The unopened buds resemble burnished copper. It is a large flower on a 38-inch stem. Not only is it a rare color among irises, it is also strikingly beautiful. See illustration, page 8.

#### FIREFALL (Essig)

If you have ever seen the famous firefall in Yosemite Park, this iris will bring back pleasant memories. It has the red of glowing coals with a prominent golden yellow beard, and will add a warm note to any garden. The flowers are of good size carried on stems of medium height. 30 inches.

25c; 3 for 50c

#### FRIEDA MOHR (Mohr)

This iris is so outstanding and such a universally dependable performer that it should be in every garden. It is a luminous pink bi-color of exceptional size, with the standards a pale lilac and the flaring falls a deep lilac rose. The flowers have a clean, well-bred appearance and are at once admired for their charming form and poise. Blooming period from midseason to very late. 4 feet.

25c; 3 for 50c

#### GIFT (Lothrop)

Possesses that elusive thing that we call "finish" to a remarkable degree. There is elegance in its form, in the smooth blending of the changeable old gold and purple of its silken standards, and in the falls of finest carmine velvet—unveined. It has everything required to make a fine iris, beauty of form, beauty of color, heavy substance, fine texture, and a perfectly branched stem. This iris was developed from hardy strains.



EASTER MORN



LADY PARAMOUNT

#### GOLDEN HELMET (J. Sass)

Described as a huge flower with wavy standards of old gold and falls of ox-blood red. We have not as yet flowered this variety in our garden.

#### GOLD LACE (Lothrop)

A seedling of Mme. Durrand having the tall, slender graceful stem of its parent and also the characteristic habit of bringing forth flower after flower from the same branch until one wonders if the supply will ever be exhausted. The standards are a bright old gold and the flaring old gold falls are smoothly overlaid with rosy lavender. The whole flower is covered with sparkling gold dust.

50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### GOLD STANDARD (Edlmann)

Medium-flowered golden yellow on 2-foot stems. Good for 25c; 3 for 50c cutting.

#### GOLD TOP (Salbach)

Standards of old gold set off by falls of red violet edged with gold. Early to mid-season. 3 feet. 25c; 3 for 50c

#### GOOD CHEER (Sturtevant)

In the spring of 1934 we were in Miss Sturtevant's garden and saw Good Cheer in bloom as a seedling. It was the center of attraction, and stood out prominently among hundreds of other irises

because of the clean brilliance of its color. The standards are a clear yellow, made all the more brilliant in contrast to the falls which have a bright yellow ground color thickly veined with red. The flowers are of good size and excellent form, and are carried on graceful 38-inch stems.

One of the leading iris breeders of the country asserts "Good Cheer is the finest true variegata I have ever seen.

#### GUDRUN (Dykes)

This is a hardy, large flowered white iris from England that has shown up to particular advantage in the colder climates. The flowers are exceptionally large and in our particular locality seem out of proportion to the rather short stems. This fault is evidently not apparent in many sections of the country.

\$1.25

#### HAPPY DAYS (Mitchell)

One of the new yellows of exceptional size, a solid uniform clean color of medium tone, and strong vigorous growth. Reports from all parts of the country praise Happy Days for its beauty and its outstanding performance.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

#### **HENRI RIVIERE** (Millet)

Here is an exquisite flower in the delicate shades of soft yellow and pale lilac mauve. The standards are pure lemon yellow and the falls are a fascinating blend of lilac mauve and canary yellow. The lilac shades are quite delicate, so that the general effect in the garden is yellow. The flowers are large and are displayed on strong, well-branched stems.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. 35c; 3 for 75c

#### **HOLLYWOOD** (Essig)

A charming bright pink, yellow and old gold blend of the most bewitching colors. The stiff horizontal falls are rosy lilac overlaid with shades of violet and the center of the flower is lighted by various shades of amber yellow and old gold, producing a most delightful effect. A very late bloomer that prolongs the flowering season.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet. 75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### IMPERIAL BLUSH (Sass)

One of the best of the pink irises and a welcome addition to any collection. The flowers are large and handsome, and have a delightful fragrance. Imperial Blush is a Sass production and is regarded by many to be superior to Pink Satin. 3½ feet.

75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### INDIAN CHIEF (Ayres)

The popularity of this iris seems to increase from year to year. It is a striking red flower, with standards a beautiful pinkish red, and falls a deep rich velvety red. Very well branched, with flowers of good size and firm substance. A vigorous grower, this handsome iris should be in every garden. 3 feet.

25c; 3 for 50c

#### ITASCA (Kleinsorge)

We added this iris to our collection because its distinctive and beautiful coloring is duplicated in no other iris that we have seen. It is a positive self of the darkest, yet most vivid, deep amethyst. No veining is apparent and the depth of color tone is intensified by a heavy brown beard underlaid with blue. Three foot stalks with well shaped rounded flowers.

\$5.00

#### JEAN CAYEUX (Cayeux)

One of the delicately colored blends that has sufficient substance to resist considerable weather. It fades in our hot sun to a lovely paler edition of its own self, but the standards and falls are undaunted by the heat. The flower on opening is a soft golden brown flushed with purple which soon disappears and the flower remains a warm tan of beautiful form. This is an iris that bears close inspec-\$1.50

#### J. J. DEAN (Dean)

A very desirable iris for landscaping, having light violet standards and purple falls. 3½ feet. 25c; 3 for 50c

#### JOYCETTE (Sass)

37 inches tall on straight three-branched stems, good firm substance and fine finish. The form is particularly attractive. It may not be as red as some, but that is not a disadvantage, for the color is clear and rich. A red-violet that you will admire.

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"This is a very informal letter for a stranger, I know, but those gorgeous rhizomes would make any one feel friendly." (Mississippi)

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"The labels came Saturday and I like them better than any I ever saw." (Georgia) SHINING WATERS





PALE MOONLIGHT

#### KINGLET (Williamson)

A charming little flower on slender graceful stems. Kinglet is one of the new "table irises" and is a solid deep golden yellow. 2 feet.

50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### LADY PARAMOUNT (C. G. White)

This was the first of the great yellow irises. Since it was introduced other large yellows have been produced but none have more charm than this beautiful iris with its enormous petals of soft, clear primrose yellow. Discriminating iris specialists consider it an ideal of iris beauty. All other large yellow irises will sooner or later have to stand the test of comparison with this marvelous variety, for it has a standard of excellence. It has been successfully grown from coast to coast. See illustration, page 10. \$3.50; 3 for \$7.50

#### LEGEND (Wareham)

This outstanding variety has not received the attention it so justly deserves. The flowers are indeed striking with their falls of rich deep claret, seemingly of pure velvet, and their standards of deep blue, slightly bronzed. A strong grower with large flowers on 3½ foot stems and a midseason to late bloomer.

60c; 3 for \$1.50

#### LOS ANGELES (Mohr-Mitchell)

A stunning large white flower of fine shape and excellent candelabra branching. The standards are faintly edged with clear blue, the falls slightly reticulated red brown at the base, with the blue style arms adding a note of clear color in the center. A flower that is at once admired for its poise and clean sparkling appearance. 4 feet. See illustration, page 17.

35c; 3 for 75c

#### LOUDOUN (Fendall)

This is an odd combination of yellow, lined and dotted with chestnut. The flower is large with flaring falls. A good show variety that appears early in the season and has a long blooming period.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet. 50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### LUCRE (C. G. White)

According to color charts it is the deepest yellow it is possible to produce. Any deeper, or darker, yellow drifts into the orange tones. The slender but rigid stems of this iris are forty inches, with two or three branches. It is prolific in bloom and increases rapidly. A two-year plant produced thirty-six stems of bloom. There are no dark veins in the haft.

\$5.00

#### MABEL TAFT (Wareham)

One of "the world's largest irises," having enormous blooms on tall powerful stems and large luxuriant foliage. The flowers are violet-blue with sheen of velvet on the falls.

75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### MARGERY (Dean)

Standards of light blue-violet and falls of deep violet. An attractive and desirable landscape iris for the milder climates. 4 feet.

25c; 3 for 50c

#### MARQUITA (Cayeux)

A Spanish dance in a flower. Something entirely different that is so striking that it immediately attracts your attention. The standards are a very clear ivory flushed with yellow and the falls are the same color, evenly veined with brilliant ruby lines. The petals are stiff and round, giving a very trim appearance to the flower. If you wish to light up a spot in your garden with gay colors, try a clump of Marquita. Over 3 feet tall and a strong grower. \$2.00; 3 for \$5.00

#### MARY GEDDES (Washington)

The Dykes Medal winner for 1936. It has held its popularity through the years since it first bloomed because of its unusual blend of soft salmonish pinks and light reddish tones harmonized by the ever-useful lavender shades. It is not a very large nor tall iris but adapts itself well to flower arrangements and makes an unusual and attractive mass of color in the garden. It is quite dependable.
\$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

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#### MAUNA LOA (Berry)

A tall, large flowered well-branched iris of decided merit. The reddish flowers are very conspicuous in the garden. It is of Mesopotamica parentage and flourishes in California. 4 feet.

#### 50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### MELDORIC (Ayres)

The demand for this iris is such that dealers have difficulty in maintaining a sufficient supply. The deep blue-black flowers with their rich golden brown beards add a deep note of contrast to the garden picture and yet in spite of the deep rich color, Meldoric possesses a luminosity unequalled by most other dark toned irises.

#### \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

#### MIDGARD (Sass)

An outstanding iris greatly admired by all who see it. The color combination is yellow, deeply flushed with rose pink. The large, perfectly formed flowers are borne on 3 foot stalks.

#### 35c; 3 for 75c

#### MILDRED PRESBY (Farr)

Cream standards and rich violet falls. Medium size flowers that are good for cutting. 25c; 3 for 50c

#### MISSOURI (Grinter)

The new Dykes Medal winner. A little darker than Sierra Blue and not so blue in tone as Shining Waters and Early Mass. There is considerable purplish-brown in the haft. The newly opened flowers have good substance and the falls flare nicely.

\$3.00

#### MODOC (Essig)

This remarkable iris has a velvety depth of color that is unsurpassed. It gives the effect of being almost black, although in reality it is a very deep rich purple mixed with shades of dark brown. Very large flowers and a striking iris. 2½ feet. 35c; 3 for 75c

#### MOHRSON (C. G. White)

For many years iris hybridizers throughout the country tried, without results, to produce a William Mohr seedling. Mr. C. G. White was the first to meet with success in this endeavor, and has given us Mohrson. Being a cross of William Mohr by a pogon iris, Mohrson is but one-fourth oncocyclus. It is a charming and unusual iris, more vigorous than its parent, and showing unmistakably some of the desired oncocyclus characteristics.

The flowers are simply enormous, with standards a rich, clear, deep violet with a cockled and varnished surface and ruffled edges. The color in the falls is effected by close veins and is a beautiful shade of violet.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

#### MOROCCO ROSE (Loomis)

Hailed as a most outstanding new large pink, this iris was introduced only last year and has not as yet flowered in our garden. It is described as follows: "The flower is large, almost  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. The standards are a lustrous pale pink, flushed deeper pink with a soft yellow flush at the base. The falls are long and semi-flaring, of deep rosalene pink. The garden effect is a glowing rich pink.

#### MOUNT CLOUD (Milliken)

There is something about this iris that makes it stand out as different and superior to most white irises. It is particularly clear and clean in its whiteness; the surface of the large petals is smooth and polished. The veins in the haft accent the unusual purity of this superb iris. It blooms on stems more than fifty inches tall and the flowers are five inches tall by five inches wide. See page 15.

\$5.00

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#### NARANJA (Mitchell)

The first of the new large yellows with a definite orange tone. A truly striking new introduction that "gleams like a topaz in the sun." Described as follows: "Richest of all the yellows, thanks to the definite orange cast on the falls. Distinctly orange while in bud, and so striking in color that it brought the first offer before the first bud had started to unfurl. Stands tall and straight, with huge blooms, having excellent substance.

#### NATIVIDAD (Mitchell)

One of the most refined irises we have ever seen. A warm cream self lighted in the center with a glow of soft yellow and sprinkled as with tiny beads of glistening dew. Natividad possesses all the grace and distinction that its name implies. 3 feet. \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

#### **NEON** (Salbach)

A tall variegata with bright, well formed standards and redpurple falls. It received considerable praise from eastern iris enthusiasts last year. \$2.00; 3 for \$5.00

#### **NEW ALBION** (Essig)

A sister seedling of Easter Morn, but quite distinct in form, color and substance, and also producing quite a different garden effect. The flowers are pure waxy-white with fine clean cut standards and nicely-formed flaring falls. 50c; 3 for \$1.00



#### OLD IRONSIDES (Milliken)

An iris to use where a brilliant clump of color is desired. A combination of copper and gold and carmine flowers carried on tall, strong stalks. This variety is very generous with its flamboyant blooms so will never disappoint those who plant it for a certain garden picture.

#### **ORMOHR** (Kleinsorge)

From Oregon comes this William Mohr seedling that stands almost 40 inches tall, with giant flowers of a uniform grey-lavender veined violet. A faint rosy glow envelops the entire flower and unlike its well known parent, William Mohr, it has a tall stem that branches near the top and is evidently perfectly hardy and easy to grow. Of great value to breeders as it produces seed readily. \$25.00



ROYAL SALUTE

#### **OZONE** (J. Sass)

Described as "a blue-grey blend, made up of bluish-violet with a beautiful pinkish sheen, like a mountain top at sunset." Possesses all the good points of a fine iris and in addition has an individuality and distinctiveness that sets it apart as being particularly desirable.

#### PACIFIC (Essig)

Try planting this iris near some of your pinks. It is a large flower of a beautiful shade of clear blue that is particularly desirable in the garden. Early blooming and of proven hardiness. We recommend it highly. 3 feet.

#### PALE MOONLIGHT (Essig)

One of the most sensational irises in our garden. Large stately flowers of pale blue, uniform throughout, carried on tall sturdy stems. The standards are four inches high, the falls slightly flaring and four inches long, and the beard a bright orange. We have seen single stems with as many as six of these enormous blooms open at one time. We cannot praise this iris too highly. 4 feet.

"The plant of Pale Moonlight you sent me was the biggest one

ever saw and threw four tremendous bloom stalks, which made it the outstanding thing in the garden." (Virginia.) See illustration page 12.

75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### PERSIA (Ayres)

We have seen this iris blooming in nearly every section of the country, and each time it impresses us anew with its exquisite charm and refinement. There is something particularly appealing about this lovely blend of smoky blue, grey and bronze that grows upon one with each renewed acquaintance. Large handsome flowers.

50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### PETRUCHIO (Morrison)

This strikes a brilliant note with its rich violet and carmine coloring. In our garden it has been consistent in producing a quantity of bloom in December and January. 3 feet.

#### PEWEE (Williamson)

Another of the new group of "table irises," and a perfect gem Another of the new group of table 11363, and a plant of a tiny pure white flower on graceful well-branched stems 17 school high

#### PINK LASS (Essig)

A charming pink plicata which is always admired. Excellent as a cut flower. 3 feet. 50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### PINK OPAL (Sass)

A sister seedling of Pink Satin with larger flowers of better shape on somewhat taller stems. The color is more of a lilac pink and the blooms are held close to the stem, giving a very good mass effect.

50c; 3 for \$1.25

#### PINK SATIN (Sass, J.)

Perhaps the nearest to a true pink of any iris. An even tone with a smooth glistening finish. Pink Satin has the valuable characteristic of producing a quantity of blooms over a long period. We recommend this iris as one of the finest pinks ever produced.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### **PIUTE** (Thomas)

Another iris of last season's introduction that comes to us with the highest recommendations. Although we have not as yet had time to flower it, Piute is described as follows: "The nearest approach to a real red. It is a pure rich red self with not a trace of blue or purple in it. The flower is well shaped with flaring falls of heavy texture and smooth finish. Over 3 feet tall."

#### PLUIE D'OR (Cayeux)

Pure golden yellow flowers on slender graceful stems. Flowers are of medium size and are of unusually smooth and even texture. A profuse bloomer and a very popular variety. 3 feet.

35c; 3 for 75c

#### PRESIDENT PILKINGTON (Cayeux)

This is a lovely pastel blend with standards of buff, flushed with blue and tinted with rose. The wide flaring falls are lavender-blue with buffy yellow suffusion paling at the margins. Beard golden yellow.

50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### PROF. S. B. MITCHELL (Cayeux)

This was selected by Prof. Mitchell on his visit to the Cayeux gardens near Paris in 1931. It was released in this country only recently and is receiving high praise. The flowers are very large and of a uniform rich warm claret-purple or deep wine color of the most fascinating texture. Perfect form and strong  $3\frac{1}{2}$  foot stems. \$4.00

#### PURISSIMA (Mohr-Mitchell)

This is a splendid pure white. It is exceptionally large, vigorous, well branched, and of good form and substance. Particularly recommended for the milder climates. 4 feet. 35c; 3 for 75c

#### RADIANT (Salbach)

A vivid copper-red that promises to outdo all competitors for sheer brilliance. Of medium height and size, this newcomer has standards of burnished golden bronze and falls of glowing copperred. Evidently this iris has a decided tendency to bloom in the fall but trial has not been over a long enough period to definitely establish this fact for all parts of the country.

\$15.00

#### RAMESES (Sass, H. P.)

A beautiful blend of gold, pink and apricot that is difficult to describe. Heavy apricot beard. Vigorous and hardy.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

35c; 3 for 75c

#### RAYO DE SOL (Mohr-Mitchell)

A medium flowered lemon chrome of good substance. The falls are flaring and have a few white lines at the haft. 35c; 3 for 75c

#### **REBELLION** (Kleinsorge)

From Oregon comes this glowing blood-red introduction of last season. It has not yet bloomed in our garden but promises to be a welcome addition to our collection. "In Rebellion we have a flower of faultless form and habit, vivid coloring and excellent substance. The standards are suffused with bronze and rose, the falls are a livid velvety blood-red." \$7.50

#### **RED DOMINION** (Ayres)

A stunning rich ox-blood red that has received unqualified praise. The falls are slightly frilled and flaring with the deep velvety texture of a fine oriental rug. 3 feet. 75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### RED FLARE (Milliken)

Falls ox-blood red, slightly deeper in the middle than at the edges, flaring; standards brownish-red shading to lustrous antique brown. Produces many flowers of medium size.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. 50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### **REDGLOW** (Essig)

The falls of this stately iris are flaring and of a rich red velvet, set off by a golden beard. The standards are a somewhat paler shade of red harmonizing beautifully with the richness of the falls. It is a stunning thing and shows off to particular advantage when planted near some of the beautiful new yellows. 3 feet. \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

#### ROSY WINGS (Gage)

Not yet having bloomed this newcomer to our garden, we can quote its description as follows: "Among the two or three top-most introductions seen for the first time last year. A blend of rose and copper, with excellent form, flaring falls, large size, and 40 inch stems. One of the few new colors developed in iris in recent years." years.

#### ROYAL SALUTE (Milliken)

This is quite distinct in form and color. It is one of the few good dark blue-purple irises. The petals, both standards and falls, are broad and as the flowers are on tall stems the beauty of the falls is easily seen. The main points of its excellence are that it has a tall wellbranched stem so that the flowers are not crowded, and the flowers which have good substance seem to be the bluest of any of the so-called blue-purple irises. See illustration page 14.
\$1.50; 3 for \$3.50

#### **SACRAMENTO** (Mohr-Mitchell)

A giant plicata of the San Francisco type but having dots and reticulations of reddish brown instead of lavender. The ground color is creamy white. Flowers are large and well shaped on tall, well-branched stems. 40 inches.

35c; 3 for 75c

#### SAN DIEGO (Mohr-Mitchell)

Immense blooms of deep velvety blue purple. It is a seedling of Gaudichau and El Capitan, retaining the color of the former and the size and shape of the latter. 46 inches.

35c; 3 for 75c

#### SAN FRANCISCO (Mohr-Mitchell)

Tall stems branching low and wide carry the large flowers of white distinctly edged with lavender blue. A superior variety. 44 inches. 35c; 3 for 75c

#### SAN GABRIEL (Dean)

We consider this one of the finest irises in cultivation for the milder climates. While not recommended for the East, where its exceptionally early growth often gets caught in a late freeze, for Southern California gardens this iris is ideal. The large flowers are a lustrous lavender flushed with rosy mauve and have a decided and pleasing fragrance.

San Gabriel comes into flower very early in the season, usually by the first of March, and continues blooming for many weeks. It is particularly vigorous and is the tallest iris we grow. We have actually measured stalks 6 feet high. The foliage is green and beautiful all year.

35c; 3 for 75c; 12 for \$2.50

#### SENSATION (Cayeux)

Magnificent clear blue flowers of flaring form and fine substance on tall, powerful stems. 4 feet. 35c; 3 for 75c

#### MOUNT CLOUD



#### SHAH JEHAN (Neel)

Here is an iris that has all the rich colorings of a beautiful oriental rug. The standards are a delicate creamy buff faintly edged lavender. The falls are rich and lustrous, quickly blending from a light fawn at the haft through glowing copper and deep chestnut, to a deep velvety purple which is the predominating color. An edging of soft plum shading to light lavender completes the picture and makes Shah Jehan one of the most strikingly colored of all irises. Medium size flowers on 3 foot stems. \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

#### SHINING WATERS (Essig)

A reflection of the clear blue western skies in still, shining waters. The best of the many smooth, clear blues obtained after years of progressive breeding along a particular line. The self color is about midway between the shades of the darker Sierra Blue and the lighter Pale Moonlight, yet it is really not a competitor of either. The firm, wax-like texture and perfect finish, symmetry, and poise of the falls and standards are enhanced by a bright orange beard. The flowering stalks are straight, three to four-branched and from four to five feet tall. It combines a smoothness and finish that is unsurpassed, with the size and poise of Easter Morn. See illustration page 11.
\$1.25; 3 for \$3.00

#### SIERRA BLUE (Essig)

The 1935 winner of the coveted Dykes Gold Medal, the highest award that can be given to an iris. The large, well-tailored flowers are borne on tall, well-branched stalks. In color it is the blended blue which one sees when looking at distant mountains. The smooth petals are overlaid with a metallic sheen. The clearness of color, the smoothness of texture, and the grace and poise with which the flowers carry themselves, combine to make Sierra Blue the Dykes Medal iris that it is.

We are the original introducers of this iris, and are prepared to send you extra large, vigorous plants of superior quality. See illustration page 7.

\$1.50; 3 for \$3.50

#### SIR MICHAEL (Yeld)

The falls are a rich velvety redpurple with copper overtone and with brilliant copper-brown edging at the base. Beard orange-gold to tip. Standards luminous bluelavender with copper suffusion at the base. Very floriferous, makes a magnificent clump. 3 feet.

35c; 3 for 75c

#### SITKA (Essig)

A huge clear white of splendid form and substance. It is a prolific bloomer and is hardy throughout the country. This variety will be a welcome addition to your collection as it has a long blooming period and is later than the other large flowered whites. 4 feet.

75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### SNOW KING (H. Sass)

Regarded by many as the outstanding white iris in the country for the colder climates. A pure white of good size and height that is in great demand. Only a few plants to spare. \$10.00

#### SPOKAN (J. Sass)

A favorite in the copper tones of red with large flowers of smooth substantial texture carried on 3 foot stems. The standards are a glowing red-brown and the falls a similar but slightly deeper shade enriched by their velvety texture. In great demand. \$3.50

#### SPRING MAID (Loomis)

Beautiful well-rounded flowers of a stately pink and yellow blend. The centers of the blooms are flushed with honey yellow, giving a very pleasing effect. An outstanding introduction especially desirable for its garden effect. 60c; 3 for \$1.50

#### STIPPLES (Essig)

A charming little flower with bluish-violet stippling, splashed on its white falls and bluish standards.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

#### **SUMMER TAN** (Kirkland)

Of rare coloring with its standards of light golden tan and its falls slightly darker flushed with olive and possessing a velvety finish. You will be particularly pleased with the distinguished poise and trim neatness of this iris. Over 3 feet. \$2.00

#### **SUNDEW** (Essig)

Wax-like flowers of light lemon-yellow with maroon-purple lining at the base of the falls. 2 feet.

#### SWEET ALIBI (C. G. White)

Here is an alibi for lingering long in your garden. This is a "foolproof" iris. From all parts of the country come enthusiastic comments on its remarkably broad petals, its heavy substance, its freedom of bloom and, most of all, admiration for its enormous, sparkling, deep cream flowers.

\$2.50; 3 for \$5.00

#### TARANTELLA (Sass)

A "pink plicata" with long hanging falls and wavy standards.

#### TENAYA (Essig)

Mrs. Hires writes as follows regarding this iris: "In Tenaya we find the ultimate goal for rich dark beauty. It is a smoothly finished red-purple self of fine form; a brown-gold beard gives a glow to the velvet that begins in the haft and spreads widely across the blade." 3½ feet. A stalk of Tenaya won the Gold Medal as the finest specimen in the Radio City Flower Show in New York last Spring. 75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### THEME (Lothrop)

The large flaring blooms are bronze tan flushed and veined with violet and changing to a deep grey, tinted and veined with purple. Tall and well branched.  $3\frac{1}{2}$ 75c; 3 for \$2.00

The flowers are larger than other varieties of this type and are carried on tall well-branched stems. A profuse bloomer. \$2.50

#### THE BLACK DOUGLAS (Sass)

In a mass this attracts a great deal of attention. It is a dark rich purple with a dark beard. The texture is fine and the falls very velvety

#### THE RED DOUGLAS (J. Sass)

Another new iris to our garden, being a mid-west origination of last season's introduction. It is described as: "Tall (40 inches), well branched, and of fine form with a general color effect of bright red. The flower is a deep rich red brightened by its showy orange beard. Brown haft markings." Very scarce and in great demand. \$25.00

#### THEODOLINDA (Ayres)

One of the new large hardy plicatas. The wide falls are particularly beautiful. The penciling is in a very blue shade of lavender.

\$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

#### TREASURE ISLAND (Kleinsorge)

A splendid addition to the ever-growing list of fine large yellow irises. Introduced only last season, Treasure Island comes to us highly recommended and described as follows: "A truly gigantic flower of bright, clear, rich yellow. Tall stems, not a trace of Dykes blood in its parentage, hardiness beyond question." We might add that a flush of white at the center of the haft adds life and a cleancut appearance to the flower.

#### UKIAH (Essig)

This fine dark iris in deep tones of red and brown has falls of the richest velvety texture seen in any flower, and standards somewhat paler, that resemble washed silk. The beard and center are of old gold. It blooms in mid-season and is vigorous and hardy. Ukiah is the name of a California tribe of Indians. 3 feet. \$2.00; 3 for \$5.00

#### **VALOR** (Nicholls)

Large flowers of perfect shape gracefully borne on tall beautifully branched stalks. The standards are deep violet; falls velvety blackish violet, shading to deep raisin purple at the edge; beard a bright yellow. An outstanding variety that will at once command attention. 3½ feet. 50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### VENUS DE MILO (Ayres)

A superb large flowered hardy white with a warm cream tone and a yellow beard. The blossoms have a smooth finished texture with an enchanting sparkle and sheen. The falls flare gracefully and give the flowers a charm and poise of the true thoroughbred.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. 50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### VIEW-HALLOO (C. G. White)

The perfectly shaped standards are a deep, bright yellow and the falls are red-brown bordered by the same intense yellow as the standards. The dense beard is a glowing orange. The form of the flower is perfect and the stem could not be better. We have measured many stems over fifty inches tall and flowers five by five inches. One rhizome planted in 1935 bloomed four stalks 52 inches tall the next year.

\$5.00

#### WESTLANDER (Essig)

A striking blue-purple bicolor that is one of the unusual color combinations among iris. The falls are stiff and flaring velvety violet paling at the margins; the standards are clear pale lavender violet; and the beard is bright yellow. This color combination gives a garden effect that is most delightful. Good size and a vigorous grower. 3 feet.

\$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

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#### WILLIAM MOHR (Mohr)

A remarkable result of a cross between two races of bearded iris. A very large lilac flower with violet veins. It is beautiful and unusual. Especially impressive as a cut flower. Fortunately also, it is hardy. 2 feet.

35c; 3 for 75c

#### WINNESHIEK (Egelberg)

A gigantic blue-black with ruffled petals and a pearly edge on the falls. Here is an iris that has suddenly sprung into prominence, and rightly so. You will be enthusiastic about its unusual style, its broad petals, and rich color; and will find it a valuable addition to your garden picture.

\$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

#### WISTARIA (Lothrop)

The flower is almost a self, being a rather bluish lavender in color. The beard has the appearance of being closely sheared and is of a bluish color closely matching that of the flower itself. The stems are of medium height showing the large flower off to good advantage.

\$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

#### LOS ANGELES





SPURIA IRISES

## SPURIAS

(We ship these in the fall only. We can move them locally at other times of year.)

The iris in this group should be grown much more extensively than they are at the present time. The flowers last for a long time and the buds keep opening after cutting. In shape the flowers are almost identical with the Dutch and Spanish Iris and are as easy to handle without injury. The flower stalks, however, are from 4 to 6 feet high. The foliage is swordlike, but dies down during the winter. The plants are very effective in the border where they make large clumps.

#### **AUREA**

A tall deep yellow. In California it is at the peak of its blooming period the last part of April or early in May. We recommend planting groups of six or twelve rhizomes. Somewhat later than Ochroleuca. 5 feet.

50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### GOLD NUGGET (Dean, 1931)

This new hybrid is a large flowered soft yellow spuria, deeper than Monnieri but softer than Aurea.

50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### LORD WOLSELEY

A very fine deep blue purple.

50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### **OCHROLEUCA**

White with a yellow patch on the falls. Tall and effective. 5 feet. 35c; 3 for 75c

# BEARDLESS IRISES — SWAMP VARIETIES

The varieties of this group are quite different in appearance from the Bearded Iris. The leaves are blade-like and in California are green all winter. The flowers, in contrast to the Bearded Iris, are flat. They can stand more water than the bearded varieties and do well in partial shade. They are particularly effective in borders and around pools.

#### CHRYSOPHOENICIA (Small)

The Gold and Purple Iris. Discovered in Louisiana it has proved hardy and is unquestionably one of the most beautiful of the native American Irises. The flower is large, deeper in color than Vinicolor and the golden patch more spreading. A rare variety.

75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### DARK MORASS (Nies)

A sister seedling to J. D. Nies with which it combines beautifully. It has immense, rich, royal purple flowers carried on tall sturdy stems. The center of the flower is shaded with a buff chocolate tone.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet. \$1.50

#### ELEPHANTINA

A beautiful and rare Iris. The pure white flowers are large and of good substance and are greatly admired by all who see them.

\$1.00; 3 for \$2.50

#### **FULVA**

Flowers bright terra cotta on 18-inch stems. No other Iris of this brick-red color known. All six segments slightly drooping. Native in South but is easily grown in Northern United States. Flourishes in California.

75c; 3 for \$2.00

#### J. D. NIES (Nies)

A Hexagona-Fulva hybrid that gets its color from its Fulva ancestor and its splendid substance from its Hexagona ancestor. The color is almost indescribable, being a golden bronze with an overlay of garnet in the center of the arched falls. 4 feet. \$1.50

#### SAVANNARUM

A beautiful deep rich blue with a yellow signal patch on the falls. May be planted in the pool. \$1.00

#### **VIOLIPURPUREA**

This is another native iris of southern Louisiana. The golden crest cuts abruptly into the violet-purple ground color of the sepal blade, there being no intermediate area of pale flecks or veins such as surround the crests in many species. 3 feet. \$1.00

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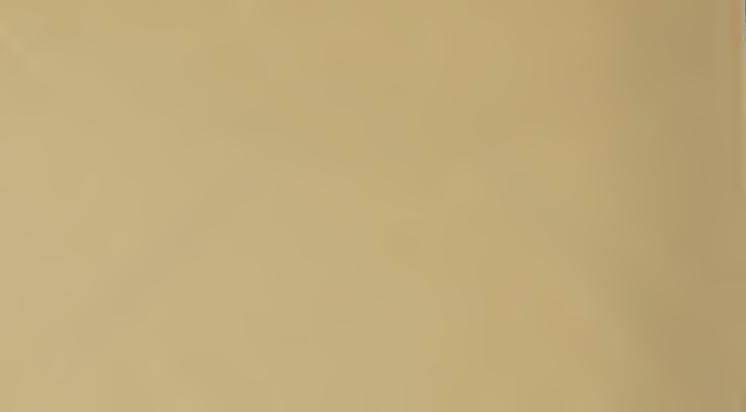
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# BEAUTIFUL IRISES FROM FOREIGN LANDS



SATURN

#### REGELIO-CYCLUS HYBRIDS

We are growing a number of hybrids of this type, but are listing only two this year. They are particularly vigorous and easy to grow, much easier than Susiana.

#### SATURN

Beautiful deep purple veining on a grey ground. The flowers are not so round as in Susiana, but are large and of excellent substance Easy to handle as a cut flower. 2 feet. 50c; 3 for \$1.00

#### PERSIAN PRINCESS

A pogo-regelia hybrid which is superior to anything of its type we have ever seen. The large, well-shaped flowers are Bishop's purple veined with Madder violet, the haft being veined with seal brown. The falls are exceptionally rich and velvety. A single stalk used as a cut flower is sure to cause a sensation. This Iris is taller than others of its type, growing to a full 3 feet in our garden.
\$1.50; 3 for \$3.50

## **ONCOCYCLUS**

IRIS SUSIANA (The Mourning Iris)

A wonderful flower of large size, borne on 12-inch stems. It looks as if it were almost black, flecked with grey. In reality it has purple-black veining and spotting on a grey ground. The standards are somewhat lighter than the falls. Fall delivery only. \$1.50

### CRESTED IRISES

#### **JAPONICA**

Native of Central China and Japan. The foliage is evergreen. The flowers are borne in large numbers on 2 to 3-foot branching stems. Pale blue brightened with yellow. Segments wavy. Give partial shade and more water than for bearded iris.

50c

#### WATTII

A beautiful and rare iris from the Himalaya Mountains. The flowers are like those of Japonica, but white and are carried in panicles on 4 to 5 foot stems.



IRIS STYLOSA

#### WINTER-BLOOMING IRISES

The garden use of the irises in this group is reserved for those who live in the milder climates.

The plants start blooming in the fall and bloom throughout the winter They grow wild in Algeria, Greece and Asia Minor. The foliage is grass-like and the flowers are borne on stem-like parts, really elongated perianth tubes, 8 to 16 inches long. The flower is one of great refinement and is delightful in the house.

Plant preferably from August to December. We do not advise planting later than February except in balled clumps.

#### STYLOSA ALTAFLORA

The flowers in this selected form are taller and bluer than in the ordinary stylosa and the foliage is narrower. It is a superior form of this beautiful iris.

Each 35c; dozen \$3.50

#### STYLOSA MARGINATA

Blue flowers with a white edging. Somewhat broader foliage than above, and makes a very rank growth. Each 25c; dozen \$2.50 Each 25c; dozen \$2.50

# MILLIKEN Permanent Iris Label **EACH**

\$17.50 per Hundred

Due to popular demand we are offering our permanent labels for the convenience of those who wish to keep the names of their Iris or of other plants. The label is a stamped aluminum tag securely fastened to a stiff galvanized wire stake  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet long. We believe this is an ideal label because it is always in a position easy to read and because it is entirely weatherproof. Simply send us the names of the irises or other plants for which you desire permanent labels.





YELLOW QUEEN

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#### CULTURE OF DUTCH IRISES

Dutch irises have bulbs, not rhizomes, and must be planted in the fall. We ship from September 1st to November 1st. If you have not tried these plants in your garden, you will be delighted with the results you will get from our clean, healthy bulbs. Dutch irises are especially desirable for cutting, as they are easy to handle and will keep for many days.

Plant from 2 to 4 inches deep and about 4 inches apart. They are most effective when used in masses, as you would tulips or daffodils. Perfectly hardy except in extremely cold sections, where they should have the protection of a mulch of hay, or tree boughs.

## DUTCH IRISES

Dutch irises vary in price according to the size of the bulbs. We ship only the large first quality stock that gives best results with out-door planting. Do not be misled by so-called "bargain" prices.

Please do not order less than one dozen.

#### ADRIAN BACKER

A large flowered pink-lavender. Early and tall. 75c per dozen; \$5.00 per 100

#### **BLUE PERFECTION**

Very deep true blue. Large flowers and midason bloomer. 75c per dozen; \$5.00 per 100 season bloomer.

#### DAVID HARING

The best white. Extra large flowers and a tall ower. 75c per dozen; \$5.00 per 100 grower.

#### **IMPERATOR**

Deep rich blue flowers with a yellow patch on the center of the lower petals. A bed of Imperator in full bloom will be the highlight of your garden. A late bloomer that prolongs the season.

75c per dozen; \$5.00 per 100

#### INDIAN CHIEF

Distinctly different, with violet standards and fascinating bronze falls. One of the newer varieties. Try using Indian Chief and Yellow Queen for a table decoration. 75c per dozen; \$5.00 per 100

#### LEONARDO DA VINCI

A most beautiful cream and yellow combination with large flowers. Mid-season.

75c per dozen; \$5.00 per 100

#### MORNING MIST

One of the most beautiful of all the Dutch irises. having large flowers of a uniform soft lavender-blue. Early. 75c per dozen: \$5.00 per 100 75c per dozen; \$5.00 per 100

#### THERESE SCHWARTZE

Standards a delicate lavender, falls pure white with an orange stripe down the center. Large flowers and one of the loveliest of the Dutch irises. 75c per dozen; \$5.00 per 100

#### WEDGEWOOD

This iris is a Tingitana hybrid, and flowers from ten days to two weeks ahead of the other Dutch irises For this reason Wedgewood is especially desirable for early flower shows, where it always creates a sensation. The flowers are a bright wedgewood blue, with the falls lighter than the standards. Plant about 5 inches deep, as the bulbs are quite large. \$1.25 a dozen; \$8.50 per 100

#### YELLOW QUEEN

The popular tall stemmed early clear yellow. Excellent for forcing or for outside planting. One of the tallest. 75c per doz.; \$5.00 per 100

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